(Lakh tonnes)

Sugar Season (October-Sept.)	No. of Sugar Factories		Sugarcane Crushed				Sugar Production			
			Total		Average Per factory		Total		Average Per factory	
	Gujarat	All-India	Gujarat	All-India	Gujarat	All-India	Gujarat	All-India	Gujarat	All-India
1992-93	18	420	66.25	1029.71	3.68	2.45	7.51	106.09	0.42	0.25
1993-94	18	430	74.42	928.05	4.13	2.28	8.26	98.24	0.46	0.23
1994-95	18	437	65.12	1475.98	3.62	3.38	7.59	146.43	0.42	0.33

NOTE: Based on an average yearly installed number of sugar factories.
All-India average includes information in respect of Gujarat also.

(e) Does not arise.

Decline in Iron Ore Procurement by MMTC

66. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp decline in the procurement of iron ore by MMTC from Banspani-Barjamda sector in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total quantum of iron ore procured by MMTC from Banspani-Barjamda sector during last three years; year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the sharp decline in the procurement; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the procurement of iron ore from the Banspani-Barjamda sector for export purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLABULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) and (b) The total quantity of iron ore procured from Banspani-Barajamda Sector has declined as follows:

(in lakh metric tonnes)

Year	Total for Orissa State	Banspani-Barajamda Sector
1993-94	11.24	8.15
1994-95	11.09	6.99
1995-96	07.37	6.00

(c) The reasons are:

Higher demand from the domestic industries within the Region;

Due to modification in the EXIM Policy 1992—97, iron ore mine-owners from the Region have been permitted to export iron ore directly and therefore were not able to supply the required quantities to MMTC for exports.

(d) Steps taken by MMTC to increase the procurement of iron ore from this sector include:

(i) increase in the price of lumpy iron ore by 10% for supplies during 1995-96.

(ii) removal of quantity restrictions.

(iii) commitment from the mine-owners for assured supplies in 1995-96.

(iv) increase in transport subsidy by 10% for Koira sector.